

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Anti Corruption Bureau, Surprise Check on 13.07.2005 over O/o the Sub Registrar, Ananthapalli, West Godavari District – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri S.Pullaiah, former Sub Registrar, Ananthapalli, West Godavari District (now Retired) – Regular Enquiry Officer report received – representation submitted – punishment imposed – Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal orders in OA.Nos.1821/2011 & 4116/2014 – Further enquiry – Report received – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE -II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.356

<u>Dated:30-4-2015.</u> Read the following:

- 1.DG, ACB Lr.No.18/DES-EWG/2005-S13, dt:12-5-2006.
- 2.Govt., Memo.No.3552/Vig.VI(1)/2006-1, dt:5-9-07.
- 3. DIG, R&S, Eluru Procs.No.X/1404/2005, dt:8-8-08.
- 4.DIG, R&S, Eluru Procs.No.X/1404/2005, dt:21-11-2008.
- 5.DR, Kakinada Lr.No.RE-1/DR-KKD/2008, dt:26-10-2009.
- 6.DIG, R&S, Eluru Lr.No.X/1404/2005, dt:29-10-2009.
- 7.WSD of Sri S.Pullaiah, SR dt:16-11-2009.
- 8.DIG, R&S, Eluru Procs.No.X/1404/2005, dt:21-12-2010.
- 9. Explanation of Sri S.Pullaiah, SR to the Revised SCN dt:10-1-2011.
- 10.C&IG, R&S, AP.,Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.3/10950/2005, dt:10-3-2011 along with proposals of DIG, R&S, Eluru letter dt:24-11-2009 together with REO report letter dt:26-10-2009.
- 11.Govt., Memo.No.3552/Vig.VI(1)/2006-3, dt:23-6-2011.
- 12. Hon'ble APAT orders in OA.No.1821/2011 with VMA.No.2478/2011, dt:6-12-2013.
- 13. Govt., Memo.No.47095/Vig.VI(1)/2013-1, dt:21-12-2013.
- 14. Hon'ble APAT orders in OA.No.4116/2014 dt:9-7-2014.
- 15. Govt., Memo.No.3552/Vig.II(1)/2006-5, dt:18-8-2014.
- 16. DIG, R&S, Eluru Procs.No.X/1404/2005, dt:6-2-2014.
- 17. DIG, R&S, Vizianagaram and REO Lr.No.X1/120/2014, dt:27-8-2014.
- 18.C&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.3/10950/2005, dt:6-11-2014 along with DIG, R&S, Eluru letter dt:11-9-2014.
- 19. Govt., Memo.No.3552/Vig.II(1)/2006-6, dt:24-12-2014.
- 20. D&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.3/10950/2005, dt:31-1-2015.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government, that the Anti Corruption Bureau had conducted a surprise check over the office of Sub Registrar, Ananthapalli and found certain irregularities against Sri S.Pullaiah, former Sub Registrar, Ananthapalli that he indulged in corrupt practices by abusing his official position and collected huge amounts from the parties through the document writer in the reference $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ read above.

2. Government have examined the matter and directed the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad to initiate departmental action against Sri S.Pullaiah, former Sub Registrar, Ananthapalli, Sub Register Office, West Godavari District in the reference 2nd read above.

3. The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru has initiated departmental proceedings duly framing the following charge in the reference 3rd read above.

Charge:

"That Sri Savalam Pullaiah, S/o Tirupathaiah, joined the Government service on 5.6.1995 and while working as Sub Registrar, Ananthapalli, West Godavari District from 29.8.2003 to 13.7.2005 committed grave misconduct in as much as (i) he engaged document writer in violation of G.O.Ms.No.108, dt:21.2.2000 and (ii) he was indulging in corrupt practices by collecting the mamools from the parties approaching for registration of documents come to the Office through writers / typists and an amount of Rs.7,250/- was seized from the possession of document writer Sri Ravi Kumar and failed to maintain absolute integrity in violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964."

- 4. The Charged Officer submitted Written Statement of Defense denying the charge. The Disciplinary Authority had appointed District Registrar, Kakinada as Regular Enquiry Officer in the reference 4^{th} read above. The Regular Enquiry Officer submitted his enquiry report holding that both parts of the charges were not proved in the reference 5^{th} read above. The Disciplinary Authority while communicating the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer issued a Show Cause Notice in the reference 6^{th} read above. After receipt of representation, the Disciplinary Authority i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru have disagreed with the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer and issued a revised Show Cause Notice in the reference 8^{th} read above.
- 5. After examining the explanation of Accused Officer to the Show Cause Notice, the Disciplinary Authority has proposed to impose a major punishment of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect against the Charged Officer and forwarded the Regular Enquiry Officer report through Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and requested the Government to take necessary action in the matter in the reference 10th read above.
- 6. Government have examined the matter and requested the Disciplinary Authority to take necessary appropriate action to impose a penalty of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect against Sri S.Pullaiah, former Sub Registrar (Retired) in the matter in the reference 11^{th} read above.
- 7. Meanwhile, the Charged Officer filed OA.No.1821/2011 before the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal against the Show Cause Notice issued by the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru in the reference 8th read above. The Hon'ble APAT allowed the OA setting aside the impugned Show Cause Notice dt:21-12-2010 issued by the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru for want of sufficient dis-agreement factors and remitted back to the 1st respondent i.e., Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru to examine whether, it is a case to be referred to the enquiry officer for recording further evidence or whether there is sufficient material collected by the enquiry officer to prove the guilt of the applicant and take further steps according to Rule 21 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in finalizing the disciplinary proceedings in the reference 12th read above.
- 8. Further, Sri S.Pullaiah, former SR (Retired) has also filed another OA.No.4116 of 2014 before the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal and the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal disposed the same at the admission stage by making the following order in the reference 14th read above.

"In view of the facts and circumstances obtained in this case, the respondents are directed to complete the departmental enquiry initiated against the applicant in charge Memo.No.X/1404/2005, dt:8-8-2008, including passing of final orders within four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and depending upon the result of the final orders, release all the pensionery benefits. If the enquiry including passing of final orders is not completed within four months, the respondents shall release his pensionery benefits.

- 9. In pursuance of the above orders of Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has furnished the revised proposals of the Disciplinary Authority i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru along with revised findings of Regular Enquiry Officer in the reference 18th read above. The Regular Enquiry Officer in his findings has stated that the prosecution could not adduce any evidence during the regular enquiry in support of the charge and also stated that there is not even an iota of evidence adduced from the witnesses examined on behalf of the prosecution during the regular enquiry and hold that both parts of the charges as not proved in respect of the Charged Officer Sri S.Pullaiah, former Sub Registrar, Ananthapalli (now Retired).
- 10. Government, after careful examination of the matter have decided, and hereby order to drop further action against Sri S.Pullaiah, former Sub Registrar (Retired) as the charges held not proved against him.
- 11. The Director & Inspector General of Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.C.SHARMA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT&EX) (FAC)

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The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru, West Godavari District.

The Individual (through the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad with a request to serve the GO to the individual and furnish the served copy with dated acknowledgement to Govt., for record)

Copy to

The Secretary to the Vigilance Commission, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad SF / SC

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SECTION OFFICER